GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Mandatory Hallmarking of Jewellery
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for mandatory Hallmarking of gold, silver items;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the extent to which Hallmarking ensures purity of the metal items;
(d) whether the Government has set up recognized Hallmarking centres all over the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a)& (b) : The Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 has enabling provisions for making hallmarking of precious metal articles mandatory by the Central Government.

(c) : Hallmark on the precious metal article ensures marked purity on the article. Under BIS hallmarking scheme, the purity of the precious metal article is marked on the article only after testing by BIS recognized Assaying and Hallmarking centre as per the relevant Indian Standard.

(d) & (e): Madam, no hallmarking center has been set up by Central Government or by Bureau of Indian Standards. Hallmarking centres are generally set up by private entrepreneurs. As on 25th Feb. 2017, there are 441 BIS recognized hallmarking centres across the country state wise details of which are given in the Annexure.
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